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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 684**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Medina**

February 21, 2013

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An act relating to workforce training.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 684, as amended, Medina. Workforce training: General Educational Development-(~~GED~~) test preparation: grants.

Existing law establishes a system of public elementary and secondary schools in this state, and authorizes school districts to award high school diplomas to pupils who have met specified requirements. Existing law also establishes various programs that provide financial aid for qualifying students attending postsecondary educational institutions. Existing law establishes the California Workforce Investment Board for, among other purposes, promoting the development of a well-educated and highly skilled workforce.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to provide funding to institutions that offer instruction to persons who are preparing for the General Educational Development-(~~GED~~) test. The bill would authorize the California Workforce Investment Board to provide grants from available federal and state funds to accredited institutions that provide instruction to persons who are preparing for the-~~GED~~ *General Educational Development* test and that apply to the board to receive grants pursuant to these provisions.-~~The~~ *If the board identifies funds available for the grants, the* bill would require the board to develop and

adopt regulations and procedures for the process of receiving and evaluating applications for grants under these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that it is  
2     important to increase the number of Californians who obtain a  
3     marketable and industry-recognized credential or degree and to  
4     advance the education and training of these students and workers  
5     so that they can keep pace with the education and skill needs of  
6     the state, its regional economies, and leading industry sectors.  
7     (b) Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to provide  
8     funding to institutions that offer instruction to persons who are  
9     preparing for the General Educational Development (GED) test,  
10    so that more Californians may pass the GED test and become  
11    eligible to receive financial aid to advance in postsecondary  
12    education or vocational training.  
13    SEC. 2. The California Workforce Investment Board  
14    established pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 14010)  
15    of Chapter 3 of Division 7 of the Unemployment Insurance Code  
16    is authorized to provide grants, from state and federal funds that  
17    are available to the board for this purpose, to accredited institutions  
18    that provide instruction to persons who are preparing for the  
19    General Educational Development (GED) test and that apply to  
20    the board to receive grants pursuant to this section. ~~The~~ *If the board*  
21    *identifies funds available for the grants, the* board shall develop  
22    and adopt regulations and procedures for the process of receiving  
23    and evaluating applications for grants under this section.